





JUST RECENTLY,
EIGHT HUNTERS DIED
DURING A C-RANK
DUNGEON RAID.

THE ONLY
SURVIVORS WERE
A D-RANK AND
E-RANK HUNTER.



THEY MUST'VE
FLED. IT HAPPENS
QUITE OFTEN.

NO, THEY DIDN'T RUN
AWAY. THEY ACTUALLY
MANAGED TO CLEAR
THE DUNGEON.



THE D-RANK HUNTER, YOO JINHO, WAS WEARING VERY EXPENSIVE ARMOR, SO I SUPPOSE HE COULD'VE TAKEN OUT A C-RANK BOSS.

BUT THE BOSS WAS PART OF THE

GIANT ARACHNID SPECIES, WHICH MEANS IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A HUGE THREAT TO A PARTY MADE UP OF SKILLED HUNTERS. IT'S A BIT STRANGE THAT EIGHT OF THEM DIED.

STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH AND GET TO THE POINT.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO ME IF YOU'D ACTUALLY FOUND SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. YOU WOULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF IT YOURSELF.

WELL...



...THE OTHER SURVIVOR IS SUNG JINWOO, THE HUNTER FROM THE DOUBLE DUNGEON INCIDENT.

SUNG JINWOO?

THERE'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL OF THIS, BUT NO NEED TO WORRY.

THE ESSENCE STONE IN THE MANA METER WE USED TO EVALUATE HIM WAS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY, THE KIND YOU CAN ONLY GET FROM A-RANK MAGIC BEASTS.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT AS IF REAWAKENING IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE.

WE'VE ALREADY LOOKED INTO THIS ONCE. THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.

I WANT TO THINK OF IT AS A COINCIDENCE AS WELL, BUT I JUST CAN'T OVERLOOK THIS...

...BECAUSE ONE OF THE HUNTERS WHO DIED HAPPENS TO BE...



OOH, FRIED CHICKEN?

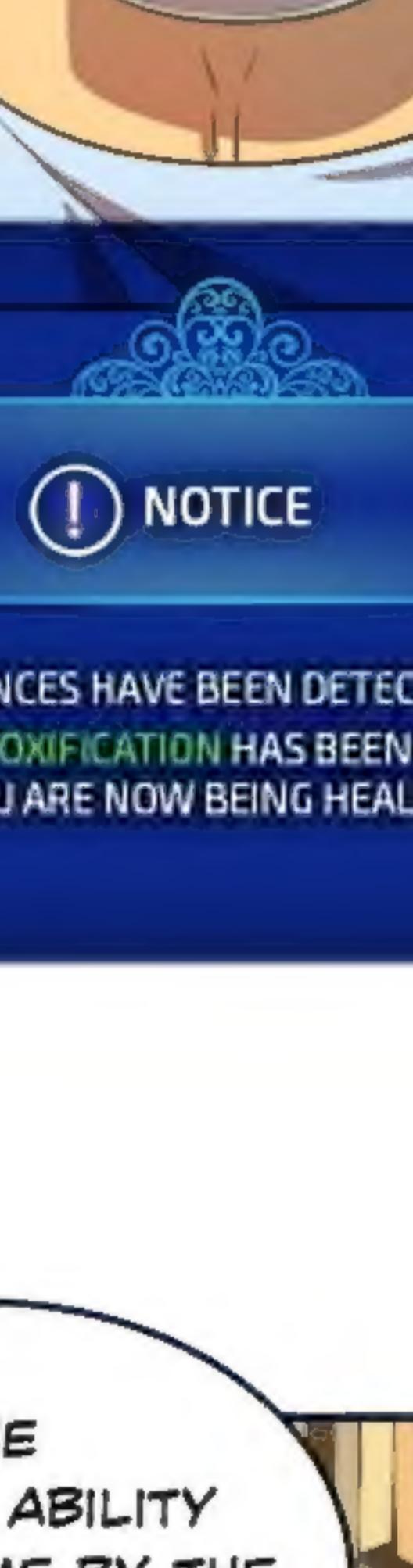
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?

WELL, ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER IT'S A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING...

WOW, WHAT'S THE OCCASION? YOU'RE USUALLY SUPER STINGY.

I WANT TO
GET DRUNK, BUT
I CAN'T.

GULP
GULP

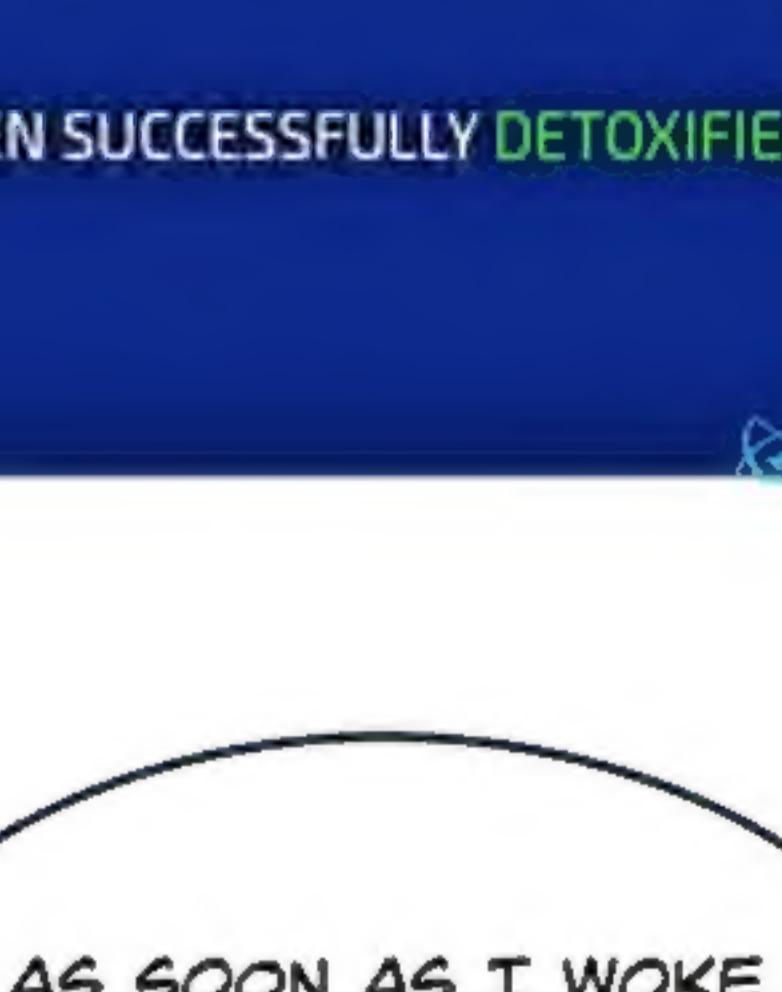


- X

! NOTICE

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]
[BUFF: DETOXIFICATION HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.
YOU ARE NOW BEING HEALED.]

THE
SPECIAL ABILITY
GIVEN TO ME BY THE
SYSTEM IS PURIFYING
THE ALCOHOL.



3, 2, 1... YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DETOXIFIED.

- X

AS SOON AS I WOKE
UP AFTER THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON INCIDENT, THE
SYSTEM GAVE ME THIS
AS A REWARD.

I'VE HAD A LOT
TO PROCESS UP UNTIL
NOW, SO I JUST



NOW, SO I JUST
BRUSHED IT OFF,
BUT...

[IF YOU FAIL TO FOLLOW THE SYSTEM'S
ORDERS, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A PENALTY.]

NOTICE

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED A REWARD.]

...I NEVER
IMAGINED I'D GET A
REWARD LIKE THIS.

QUEST REWARD

"SECRET QUEST: COURAGE OF THE WEAK"

-THE GREAT SPELLCASTER KANDIARU'S
BLESSING: THE GREAT SPELLCASTER
KANDIARU HAS GIFTED YOU A SPECIAL
ENCHANTMENT. AS LONG AS YOU HAVE
KANDIARU'S BLESSING, YOU WILL ALWAYS
BE HEALTHY AND STRONG.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO

THIS QUEST REWARD THAT

MY LEG WAS REGENERATED

AFTER I LOST IT IN THE

DOUBLE DUNGEON.

QUEST REWARD

-TEMPORARY EFFECT, THE **WILL TO
RECOVER**: ANY DAMAGES TO THE BODY
WILL BE **RESTORED**.

-PERMANENT EFFECT, **LONGEVITY**: YOU
WILL BE IMMUNE TO ALL **DISEASES**,
POISONOUS SUBSTANCES, AND ANY OTHER
ABNORMALITIES IN YOUR STATUS.
REGENERATION ABILITIES WILL
EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE WHILE ASLEEP.

WAIT...

IF I'M IMMUNE
TO ALL POISONOUS
SUBSTANCES, THAT
MEANS...

JINWOO, AREN'T
YOU GOING TO EAT? IF
YOU'RE NOT, I'M GOING
TO FINISH IT ALL BY
MYSELF, OKAY?!

IF YOU
WANT TO
GAIN WEIGHT,
GO RIGHT
AHEAD.

I CAN'T GET
USED TO HIM EVER
SINCE HE STARTED
WORKING OUT.

HE USED TO
BE EASYGOING, BUT
IT FEELS LIKE HIS
PERSONALITY HAS
CHANGED...

HE LOOKS
SHARPER, TOO...

MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE OF ALL
THE EXERCISE?

DID
SOMETHING HAPPEN
IN THE DUNGEONS
AGAIN?



[ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A

TYPE: POISON

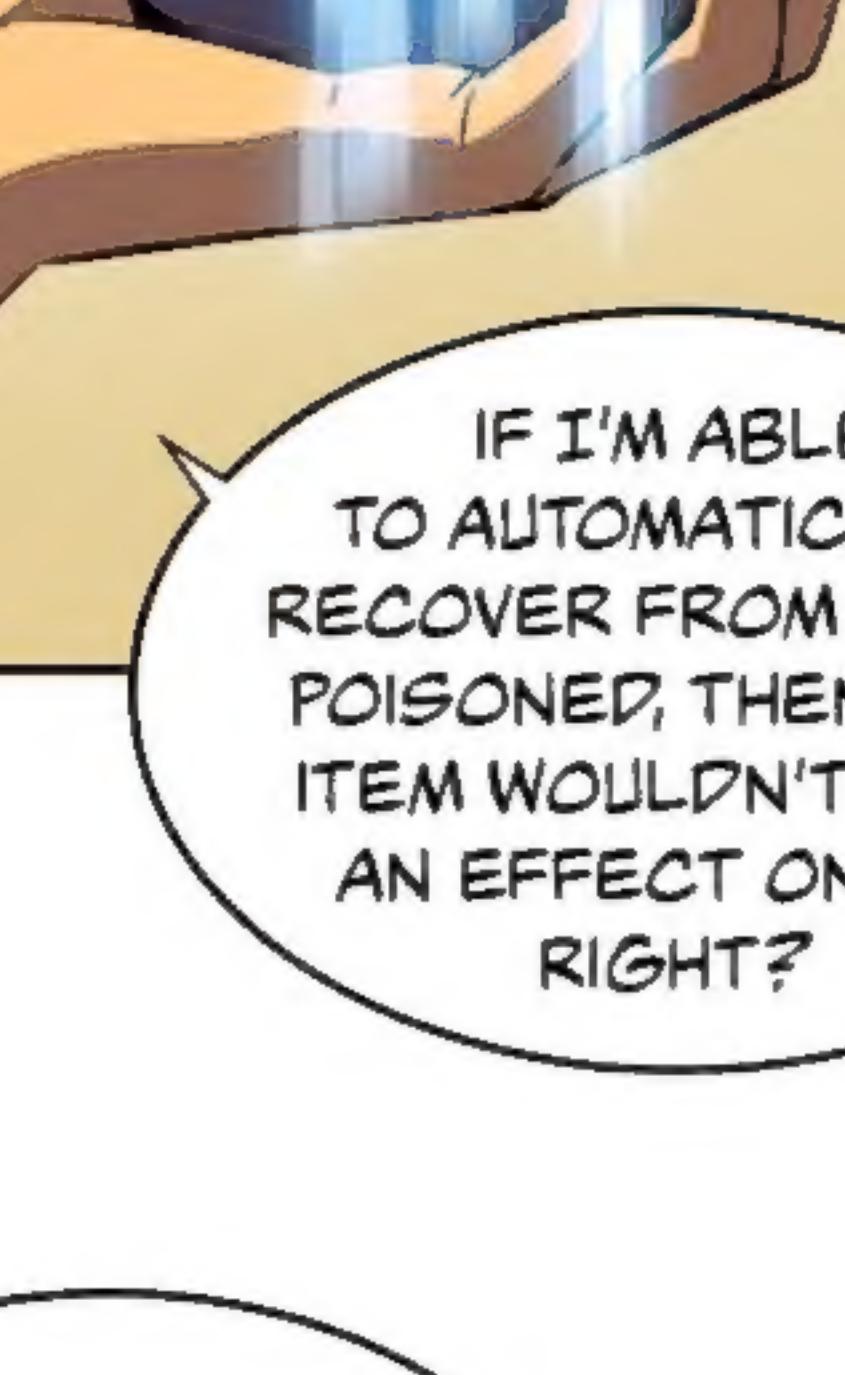
A POUCH CONTAINING REFINED VENOM FROM KASAKA. UPON DEFEATING KASAKA, YOU HAVE A SLIM CHANCE OF OBTAINING THIS ITEM. DRINKING THIS VENOM WILL MAKE YOUR SKIN TOUGH, BUT YOUR MUSCLES WILL BE PERMANENTLY DAMAGED DUE TO THE POISON.

-EFFECT "KASAKA'S IRONCLAD SCALES":

20% LESS PHYSICAL DAMAGE

-SIDE-EFFECT "MUSCLE DAMAGE":

-35 STRENGTH



IF I'M ABLE
TO AUTOMATICALLY
RECOVER FROM BEING
POISONED, THEN THIS
ITEM WOULDN'T HAVE
AN EFFECT ON ME,
RIGHT?

NO NEED TO
OVERTHINK IT.

GLUG

GLUG

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]

- X

3-2-1... YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DETOXIFIED.

- X

THE "MUSCLE DAMAGE" EFFECT FROM ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND HAS DISAPPEARED.

- X

JUST AS
I THOUGHT.

STRENGTH: 53

HEALTH: 30

AGILITY: 53

INTELLIGENCE: 30

SENSE: 36

PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 20%

PROCESSING

THE "MUSCLE DAMAGE" EFFECT FROM ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND HAS DISAPPEARED.

- X

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- X

JINWOO, DO YOU
KNOW SOMEONE
NAMED YOO
JINHO?

CLACK

WHO?

HE'S
ASKING FOR
YOU ON THE
PHONE.



SIR,
OVER HERE!

HOW DID
YOU GET MY
NUMBER?

I KNOW
SOMEONE AT THE
ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION.

PULL

HOW DOES A
CUP OF COFFEE
SOUND?

I'M GOOD.

I DIDN'T
EXPECT TO SEE
YOU AGAIN.

YOU SAVED
MY LIFE.

WELL, THANKS TO
ALL THE ESSENCE STONES
YOU GAVE ME, I WAS ABLE
TO MAKE QUITE A BIT
OF MONEY.

THE TOTAL
COMES OUT TO
180 MILLION WON,
MINUS TAXES.

AND BECAUSE
YOU'VE KEPT
YOUR MOUTH SHUT,
I HAVEN'T RUN INTO
ANY PROBLEMS
SO FAR.

COLD

SHUDDER

TH...THOSE GUYS
WERE THE ONES
WHO TRIED TO KILL
US FIRST.

I HAVE PRIDE IN
BEING A HUNTER,
SO I COULDN'T LET
THEM GET AWAY
WITH SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

ULTIMATELY, IT
WAS A BATTLE
BETWEEN
HUNTERS.

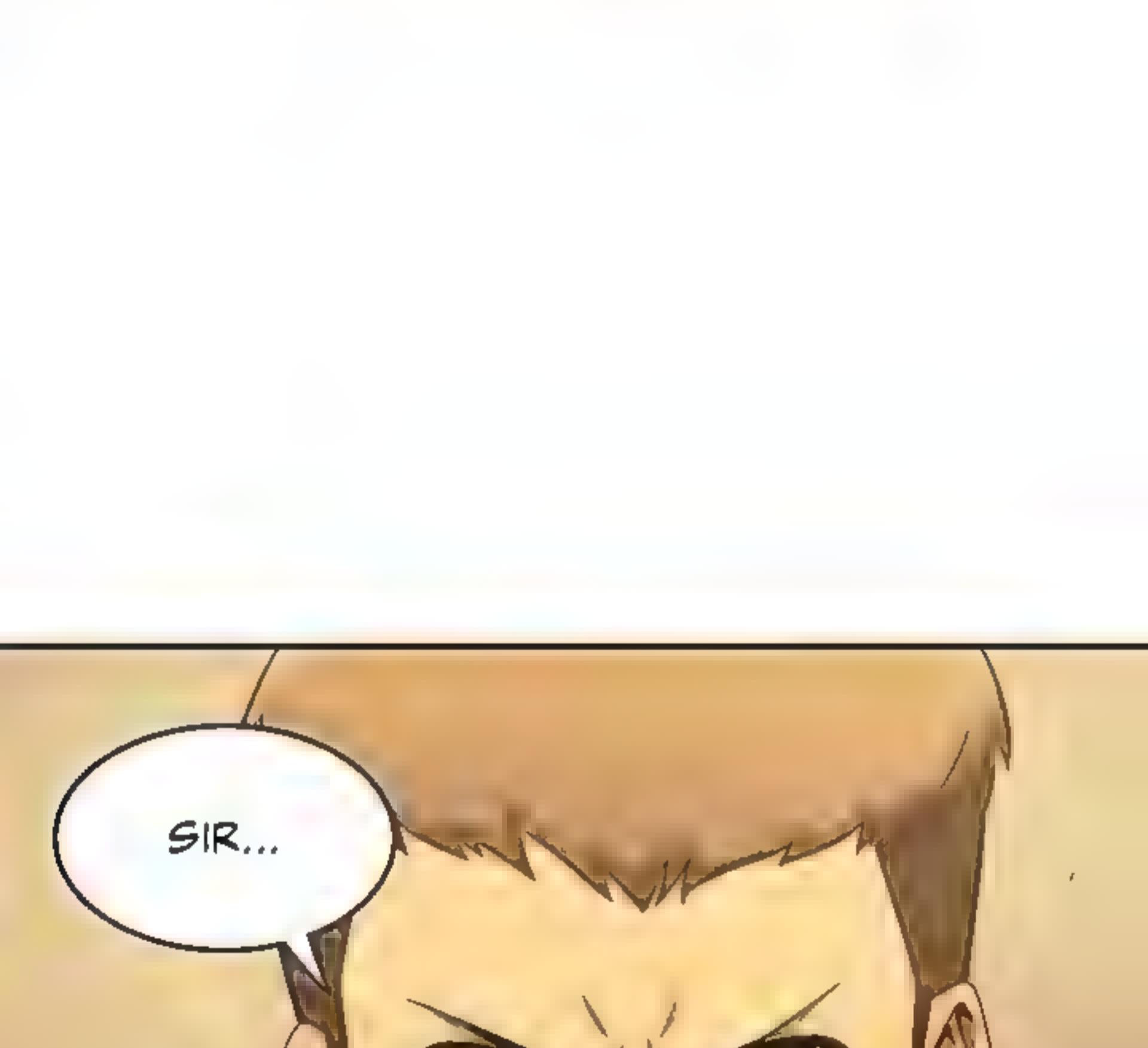
THIS PERSON
IS A FALSE
RANKER.

PLUS, A
MURDERER THAT
ENJOYS KILLING
PEOPLE!

UNDER NORMAL
CIRCUMSTANCES,
I WOULDN'T LET
MYSELF GET TOO
CLOSE, BUT...

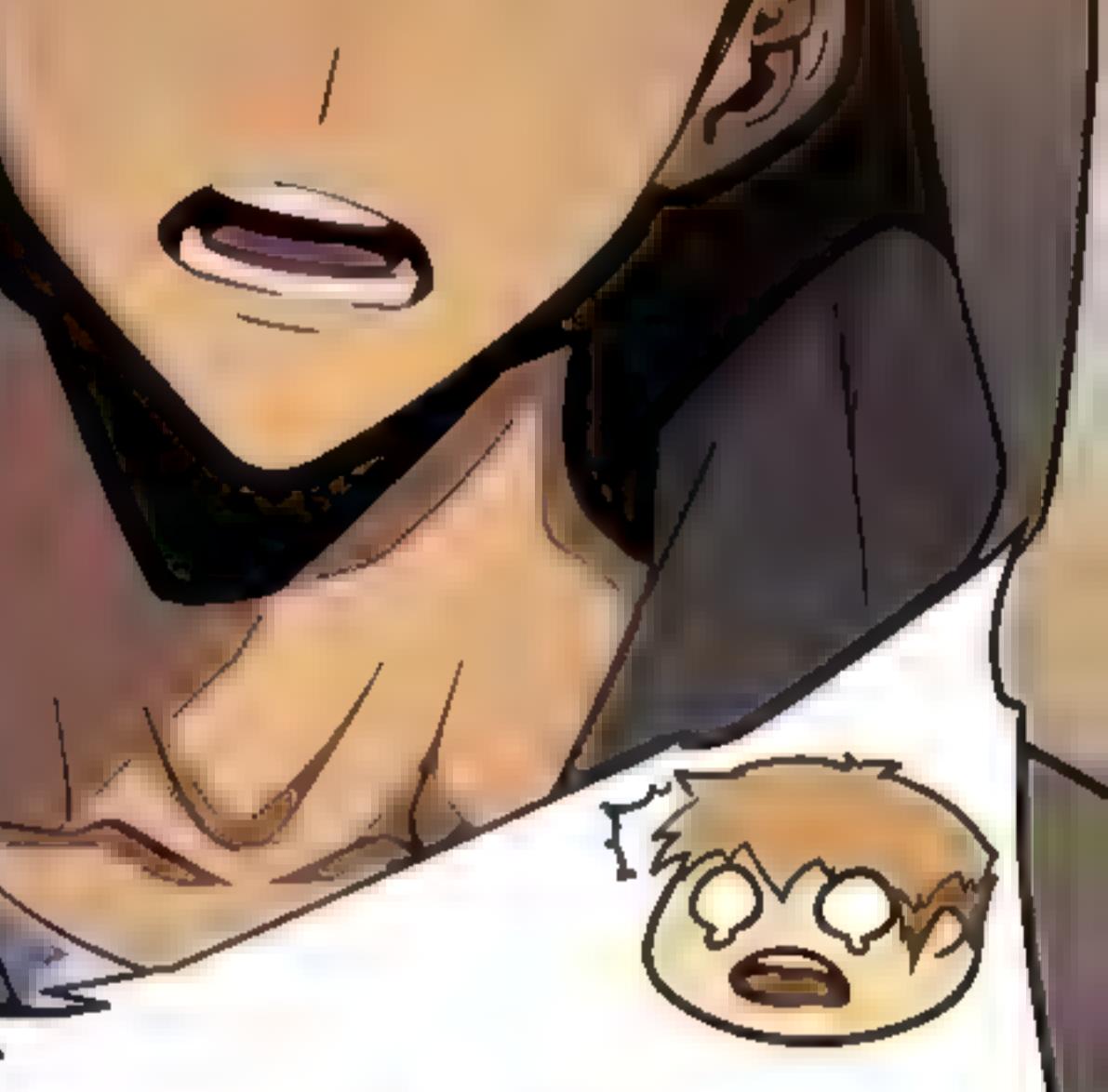


SO, WHY'D
YOU ASK TO
SEE ME?





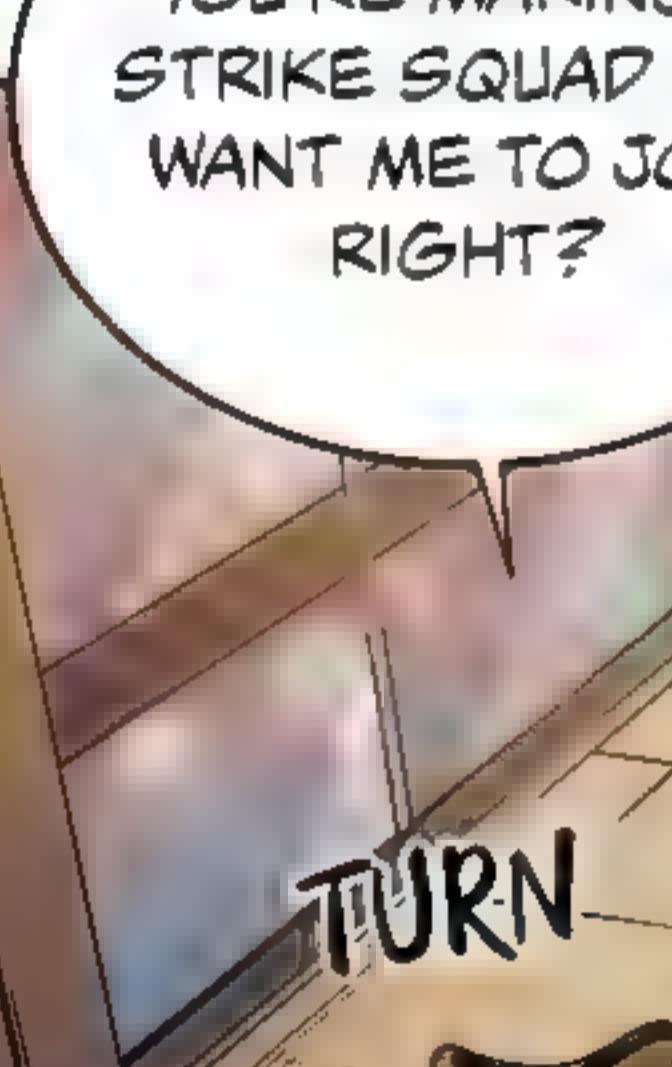
ACTUALLY,
I WANT TO MAKE A
PRIVATE STRIKE
SQUA-



THE ANSWER
IS NO.



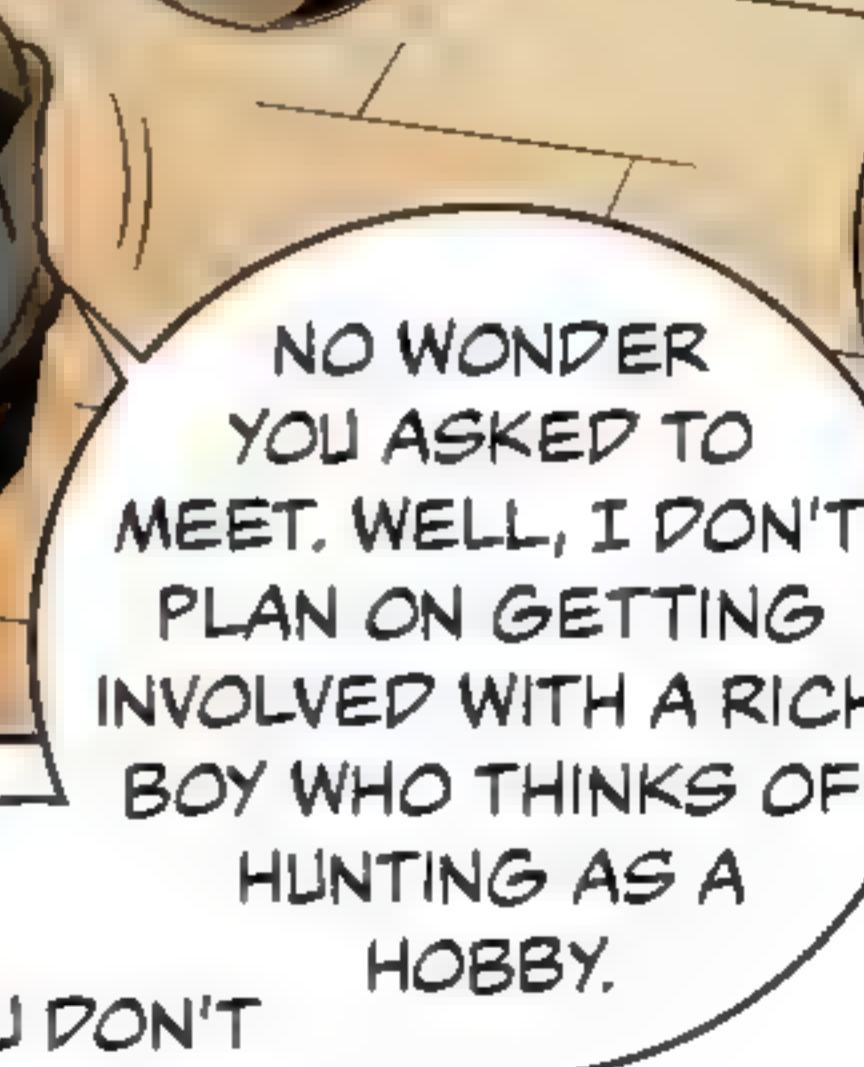
W...WAIT,
I DIDN'T EVEN
FINISH WHAT I WAS
ABOUT TO SAY!!



I DON'T NEED
TO HEAR IT ALL
TO KNOW.



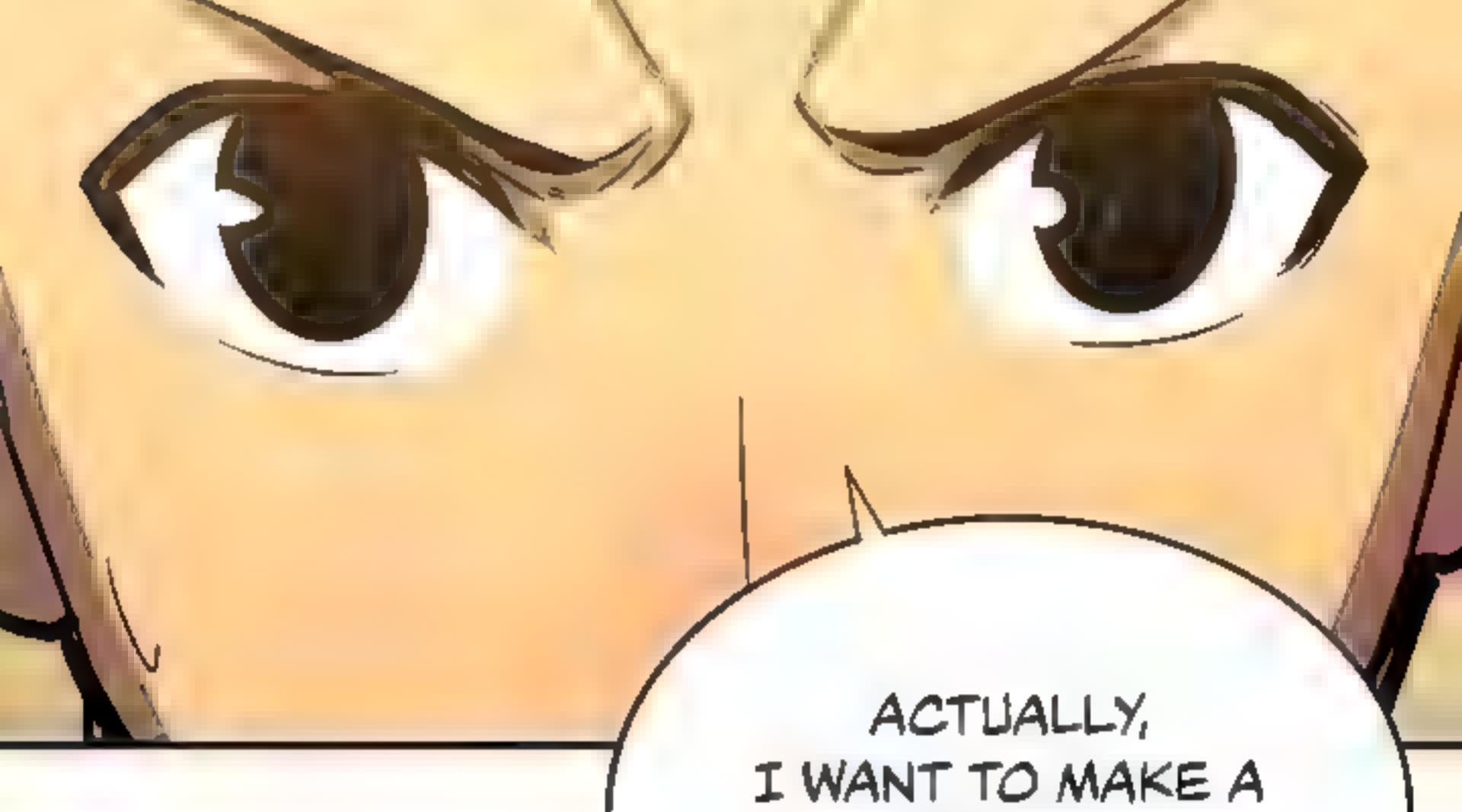
YOU'RE MAKING A
STRIKE SQUAD AND
WANT ME TO JOIN,
RIGHT?



S, SIR!



IF YOU DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
ELSE TO SAY, I'M
LEAVING.



NO WONDER
YOU ASKED TO
MEET. WELL, I DON'T
PLAN ON GETTING
INVOLVED WITH A RICH
BOY WHO THINKS OF
HUNTING AS A
HOBBY.

JUST 20 TIMES!

NO,

ACCOMPANY ME

JUST 19 TIMES!

ACCOMPANY
YOU WHERE? THE
DUNGEONS?

YES! I'LL
MAKE SURE YOU
ARE HANDSOMELY
COMPENSATED.

HAVEN'T
YOU LEARNED
ANYTHING FROM
WHAT HAPPENED
LAST TIME?

HUNTERS CAN
EASILY KILL PEOPLE
TOO, NOT JUST
MAGIC BEASTS.

RAIDING ISN'T
LIKE EXTREME
SPORTS.

YET YOU STILL
WANT TO FORM A
STRIKE SQUAD AND
FIGHT IN THE
DUNGEONS?

HOW COULD YOU
WANT THAT AFTER
GOING THROUGH THAT
HORRIBLE INCIDENT?
ARE YOU INSANE?



WAIT, DO YOU...

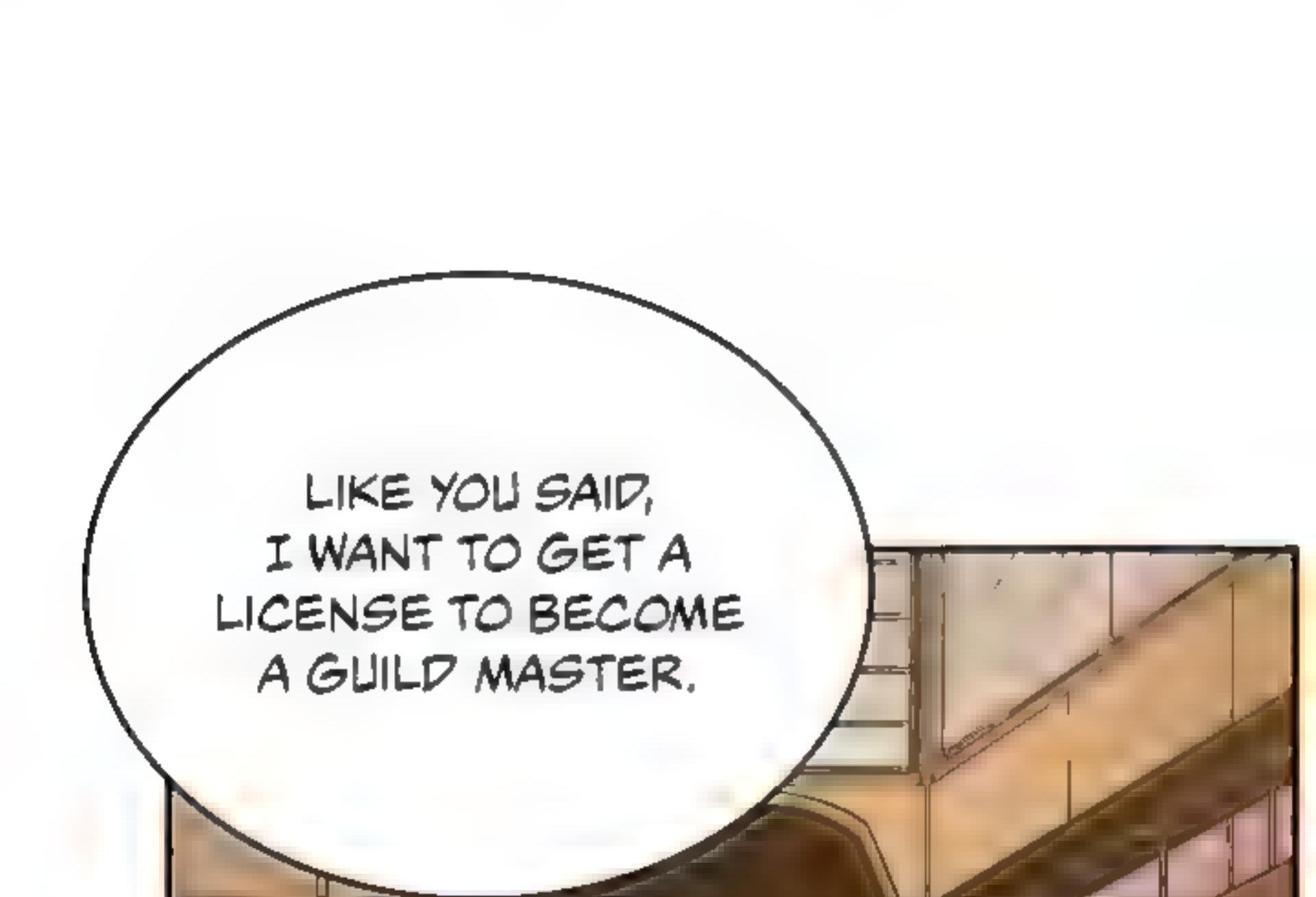
...WANT TO
BECOME A GUILD
MASTER?

YES, I DO!

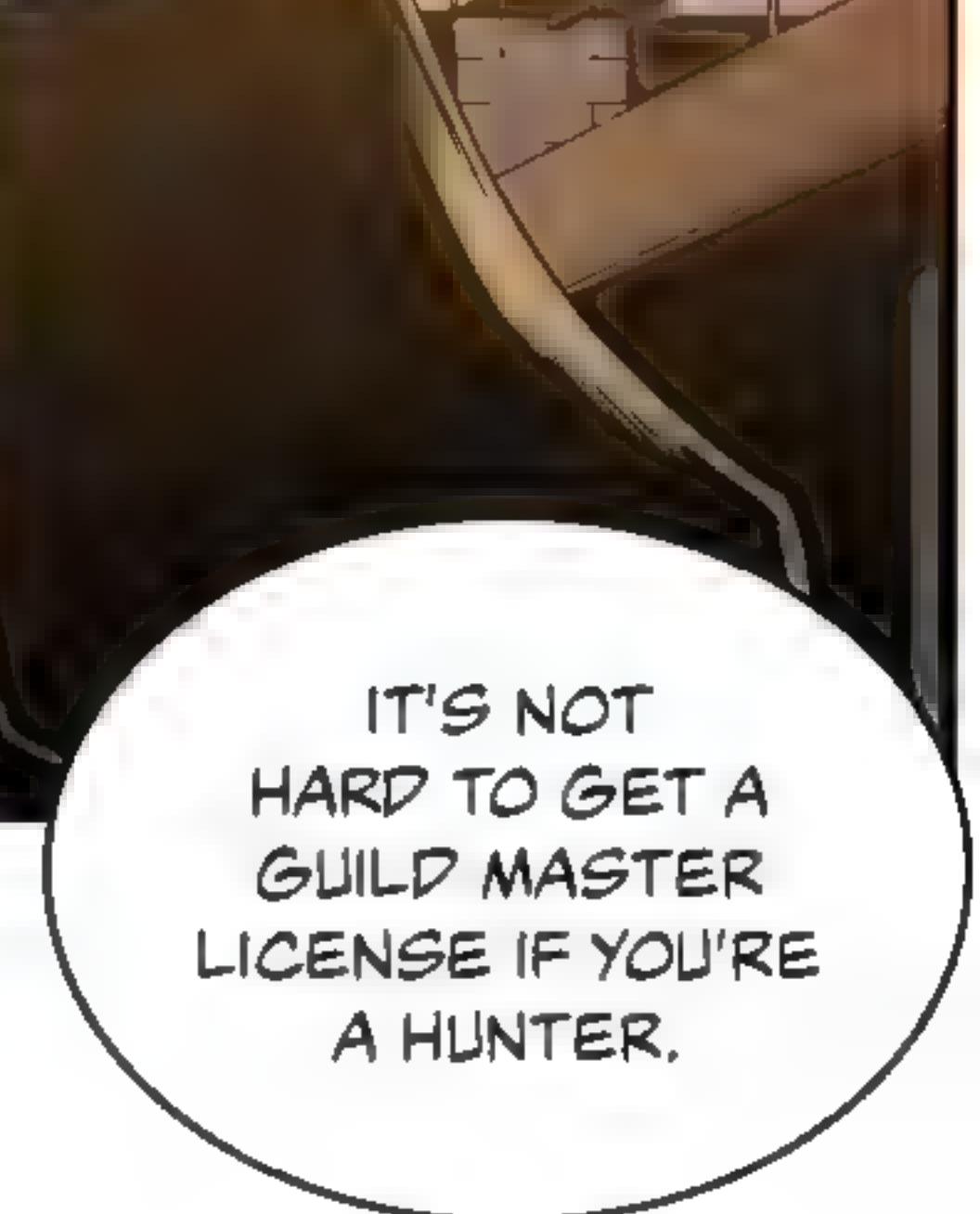
PLEASE, JUST



LISTEN TO WHAT
I HAVE TO SAY,
SIR.



LIKE YOU SAID,
I WANT TO GET A
LICENSE TO BECOME
A GUILD MASTER.



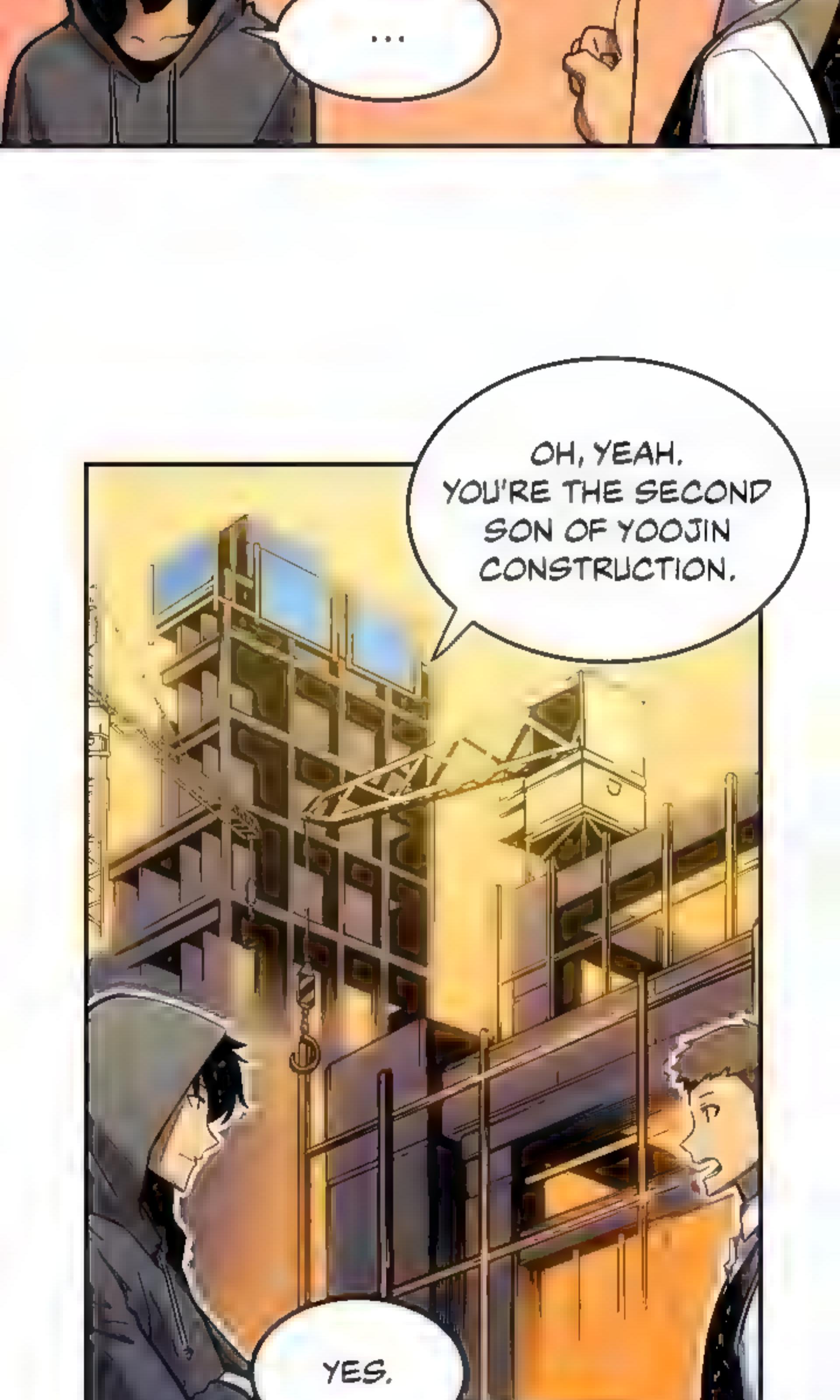
IT'S NOT
HARD TO GET A
GUILD MASTER
LICENSE IF YOU'RE
A HUNTER.



YOU NEED TO
BE A HUNTER THAT
HAS EXPERIENCED
MORE THAN 20
RAIDS.

I WENT ON MY
FIRST RAID LAST
TIME...

SO I HAVE TO
PARTICIPATE IN 19
MORE RAIDS.



OF COURSE,
THERE'S ALSO A WRITTEN
TEST, BUT I'M CONFIDENT
THAT I'M SMART ENOUGH,
SINCE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO TAKE OVER MY FATHER'S
COMPANY OTHERWISE.

...

OH, YEAH.
YOU'RE THE SECOND
SON OF YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION.

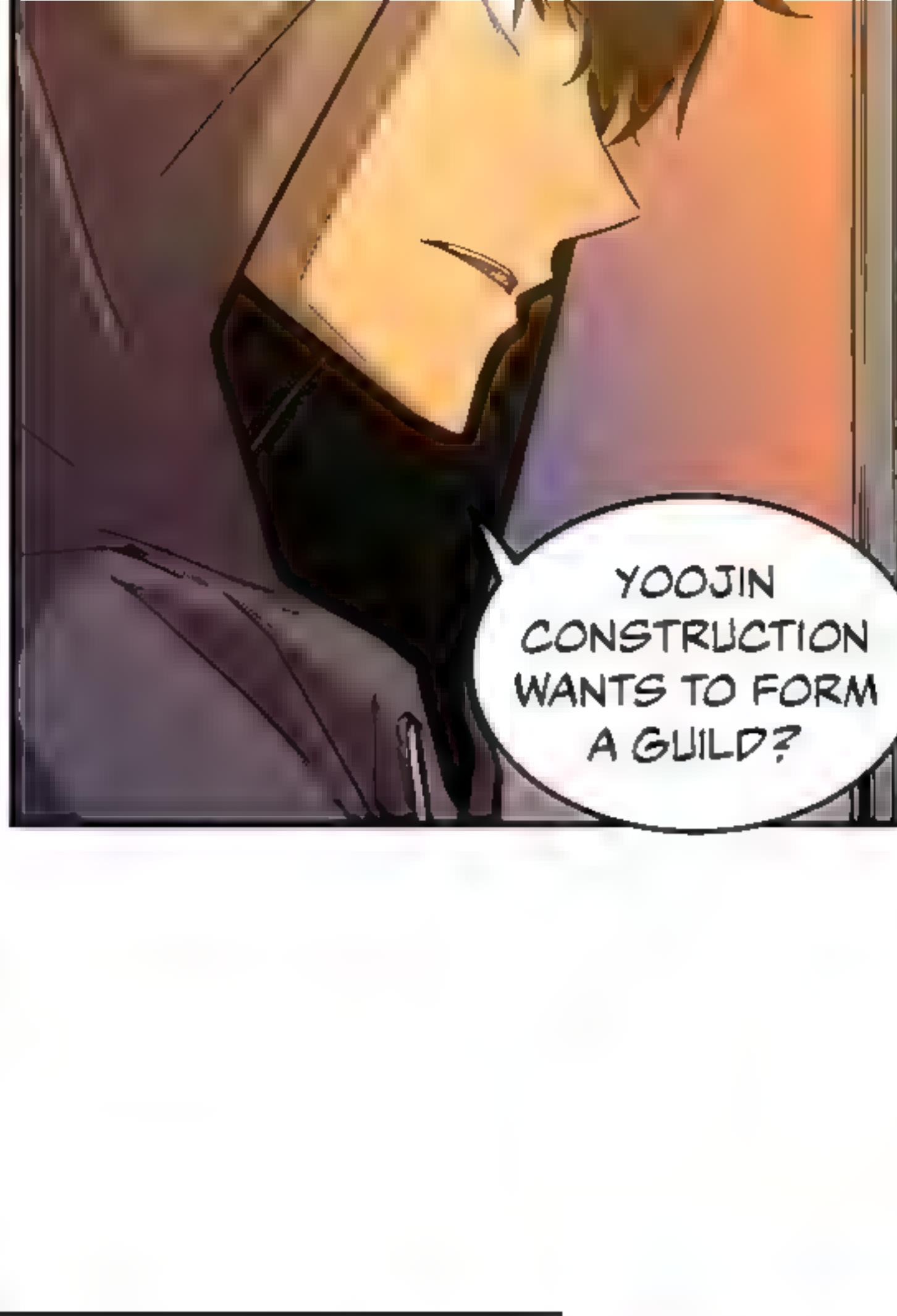
YES.

HONESTLY, THE
REASON I WANT TO
BE A GUILD MASTER
HAS SOMETHING TO DO
WITH OUR COMPANY'S
PLAN.

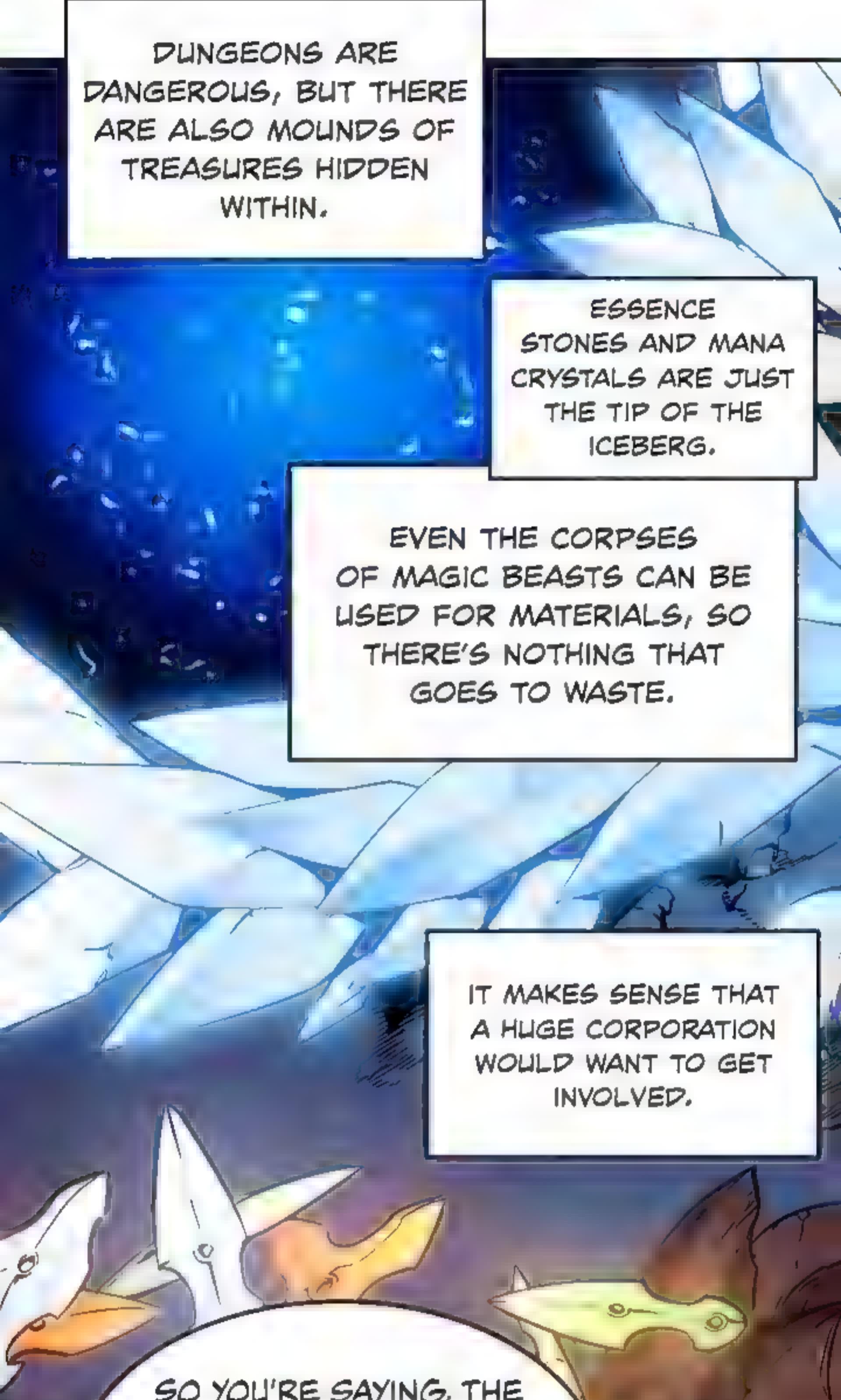
MY FATHER
IS FORMING A
GUILD.



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YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION
WANTS TO FORM
A GUILD?



DUNGEONS ARE
DANGEROUS, BUT THERE
ARE ALSO MOUNDS OF
TREASURES HIDDEN
WITHIN.



ESSENCE
STONES AND MANA
CRYSTALS ARE JUST
THE TIP OF THE
ICEBERG.



EVEN THE CORPSES
OF MAGIC BEASTS CAN BE
USED FOR MATERIALS, SO
THERE'S NOTHING THAT
GOES TO WASTE.



IT MAKES SENSE THAT
A HUGE CORPORATION
WOULD WANT TO GET
INVOLVED.



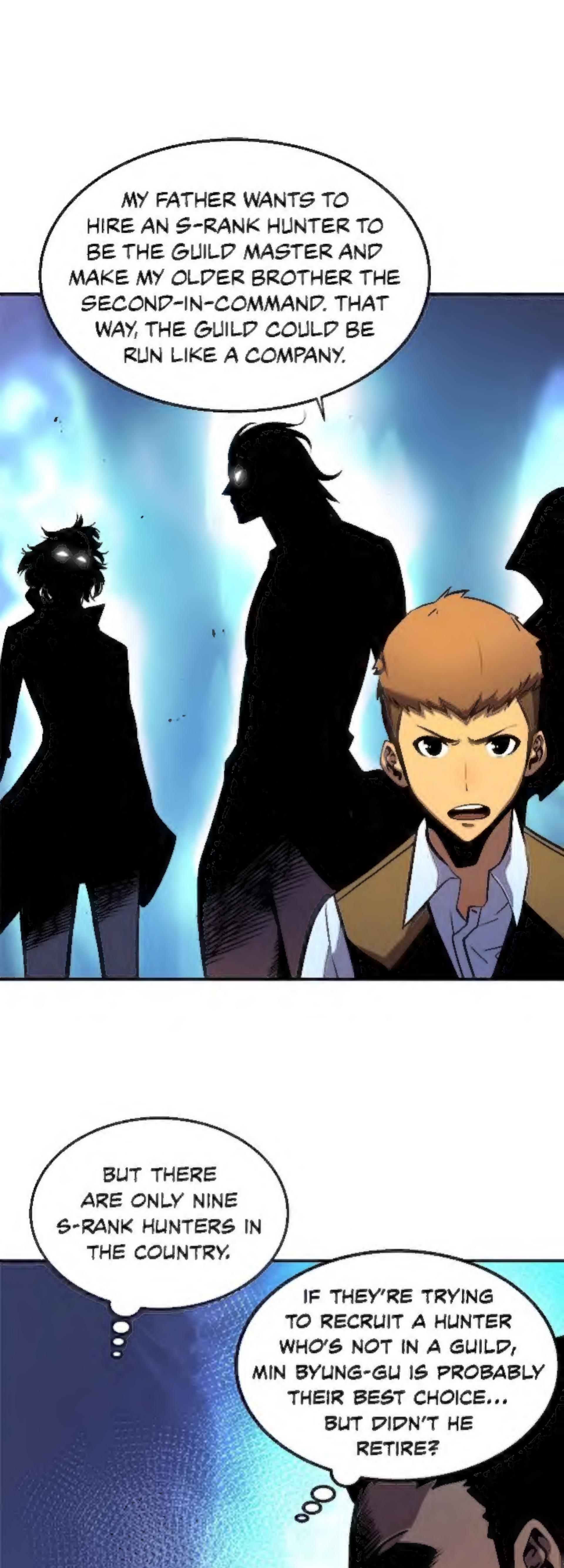
SO YOU'RE SAYING, THE
HUNTERS EMPLOYED BY THE
COMPANY WILL VENTURE INTO
THE DUNGEONS, AND THE
COMPANY WILL REAP
THE PROFITS?



IN OTHER WORDS,
THE COMPANY WANTS TO
BE SELF-SUFFICIENT
FROM NOW ON.



THAT'S
EXACTLY IT,
SIR!



MY FATHER WANTS TO HIRE AN S-RANK HUNTER TO BE THE GUILD MASTER AND MAKE MY OLDER BROTHER THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND. THAT WAY, THE GUILD COULD BE RUN LIKE A COMPANY.

BUT THERE

ARE ONLY NINE

S-RANK HUNTERS IN

THE COUNTRY.

IF THEY'RE TRYING TO RECRUIT A HUNTER WHO'S NOT IN A GUILD, MIN BYUNG-GU IS PROBABLY THEIR BEST CHOICE...

BUT DIDN'T HE

RETIRE?

EVEN IF YOUR

BROTHER BECOMES

THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND,

THE GUILD MASTER WILL

HAVE MUCH MORE

AUTHORITY.

FRICITION

BETWEEN THE

TWO WILL BE

UNAVOIDABLE.

YES, MY BROTHER

IS COMPETENT, BUT

UNLESS HE AWAKENS,

IT'LL BE HARD FOR HIM

TO TRY AND TAKE THE

MASTER'S POSITION.

IT'S A PROBLEM.



ARE YOU TRYING TO BRING IN SOME RESULTS IN ORDER TO CONVINCE YOUR FATHER?

YOU'RE YOUNG, LOW-RANKING, AND HAVE ALMOST NO RAIDING EXPERIENCE. YOU DON'T FIT INTO THIS PLAN.

YES, I AM.

I PROMISE TO TAKE YOUR SECRET TO THE GRAVE! THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A FALSE RAN... I MEAN, THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HIDING YOUR TRUE ABILITIES!

YOU NEED A SQUAD IN ORDER TO GO ON RAIDS WHILE KEEPING YOUR ABILITIES HIDDEN!

RATHER THAN RAIDING WITH HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS, BEING KNOWN AS SOMEONE WHO "SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A RAID WITH AN E-RANK HUNTER" WORKS MORE IN MY FAVOR AS WELL!

JINWOO IS AT THE VERY LEAST A B-RANK HUNTER...
...OR HE MIGHT BE EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT.

HE MAY BE AN E-RANK NOW, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT A C-RANK BOSS AND MANY OTHER C-RANK HUNTERS WITHOUT SUFFERING A SINGLE INJURY.

I COULD LOSE
MY LIFE IF I RECRUIT
A CLUMSY HUNTER, BUT
JINWOO HAS ALREADY
PROVEN HIMSELF!

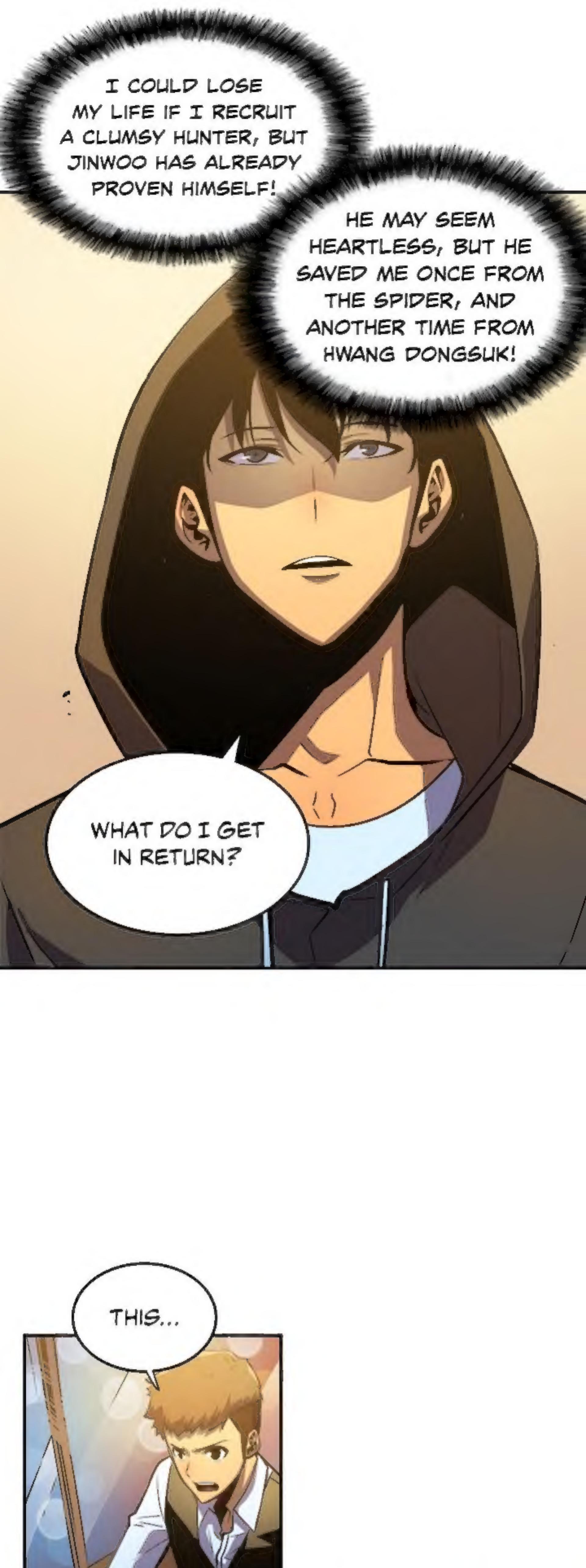
HE MAY SEEM
HEARTLESS, BUT HE
SAVED ME ONCE FROM
THE SPIDER, AND
ANOTHER TIME FROM
HWANG DONGSUK!

WHAT DO I GET
IN RETURN?

THIS...

SLIDE

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To Be Continued...

The logo for the webtoon "Solo Leveling". The word "Solo" is written in a large, ornate, black serif font. The word "Leveling" is written in a similar but slightly smaller font directly below it. A stylized, dark brown, ribbon-like or lightning bolt-like flourish is positioned at the bottom right of the "Leveling" text, extending towards the right edge of the logo.

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